

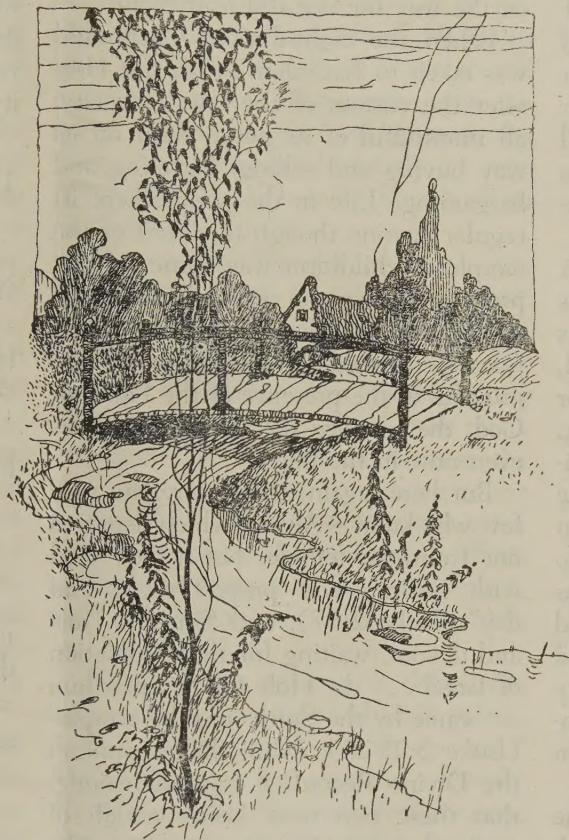
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There are some things which never can be shaken,
True since the starlit night of Jesus' birth;
"Good tidings of great joy" is still God's message
To every tired heart upon the earth.

Therefore upon this hallowed Christmas morning,
Despite the earth's deep hurt and moan,
May you have faith in things which are unshaken,
And peace and joy which come through Christ alone.

Ruth W. Wheeler.

Editorial . . .

When Jesus Was Born

"When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea," the world, though He came to be its Saviour, remained undisturbed and uninformed. The innkeeper, busy with the incoming tax payers and anxious to have as much of such business as opportunity afforded, was too occupied to know the significance of that birth on his premises. Bethlehem was busy and as bustling as a small town of Judea could be after the shadows had merged together in twilight and night had drawn the blanket of darkness over a tired city, bidding activity subside and joining forces with physical weariness in inducing rest and in bringing freedom from the toil of the day.

Mothers put their families to bed for the night. Men reviewed the business of the day. Life in the palace "in the days of Herod the king" went on as usual, women charming their way into favor and men scheming their way into power. In the homes of the humble, in the residences of the rich, in the palace of the king, and in the temple, where religion in its ritual was observed according to accepted traditions, life went on as usual. Greece went on with its art and culture; Rome enjoyed its pomp and power. The world that night was pretty well untouched by the birth of the incarnate Son of God come to redeem the fallen race.

But a few knew His coming. The virgin, surrendered to the will of God, knew this child was as no other. Had not the angel said, "Call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David" (Luke 1: 31, 32)? Joseph had been told by the angel in a dream about this child now placed in his care. Elizabeth and Zacharias knew about this child as they rejoiced in their own infant son, given to them by a miracle. But this was all in the family.

Certain folk had ears to hear, and to them, though shepherds about their evening watch as were many others in Palestine that night, an angel choir sang and an angelic messenger brought the news of the identity and birthplace of the newborn Babe of Bethlehem. To

them with eyes to see appeared the star—a new star to indicate a new day on the earth. A new man, a different man, a sinless man, was come to earth. To ordinary sight, to those not knowing well the heavens as they rolled in season in the celestial hemisphere, one more star would have made no difference. The wise men saw and soon were on the way the star did lead them.

When the eight-day-old Christchild was taken to Jerusalem to "do for Him after the custom of the law," the city, all unmindful of its guest, went on its way buying and selling, bartering and bargaining. Life in the temple kept its regular routine though the Lord of the temple in childform was borne into its precincts in common arms. Ritual went on, blood of sacrifices flowed freely, and priest performed his daily duty—all unmindful of the presence of the Lamb of God, the sacrifice for all sin, who was even now in the midst.

But here, again, there were the very few who knew.—Anna, "which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day" (Luke 2:37), and Simeon, "Just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel . . . the Holy Ghost upon him . . . came by the Spirit into the temple" (Luke 2:25-27). With this account in the Divine Record, it is small wonder that these two were keen enough of spiritual perception to recognize "the Lord's Christ."

On only two occasions before the Christchild grew to manhood did His presence create a stir:—When Herod, seeking to destroy the child, slew all the children in Bethlehem two years old and under; and when at twelve years of age, the Child astonished doctors in the temple with His understanding.

Miracles at His birth—the star in the east and the angel chorus over Bethlehem's country hillside, yet such a small ripple on the surface of world consciousness. With that in mind our wonder at the same condition today is toned down to better understanding. Christmas, His birthday anniversary, is so embellished by the trappings of tradition and overgrown by the foliage of custom that the outline of the purpose of His

coming has become quite indistinguishable to the world and to non-Bible-reading Christians.

That this day and season brings generosity and fine sentiment to the surface we would not decry or belittle. But the cream is soon skimmed off the milk of human kindness. Through the year the supply runs all too short, and men and nations live on a skimmed milk diet of human relations.

When Jesus comes to stay, the United Nations of the Millennium will be set up and man and beast will relax in a world that enjoys His Spirit, not for a day or a holiday season, but a thousand years—and then, a while—and all eternity.

—M.M.

The Christ-child be with you to bless you,
To comfort, to guide, to uphold.
No sorrow arise to distress you,
Secure in His Heavenly fold.
His mercy surround you and keep you
His might be your shield and you stay,
His promise sustain you and cheer you
His love beam on every new day.

If you lose the spirit of prayer you do nothing for God though you be endowed with the intellect of an angel.
—Finney.

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Where Is He?

by R. H. Moon

"Where is He?"—(Matt. 2:2). Reduced to its final analysis, this is the great cry that comes up from the human heart all over the world. The heathen in his ignorance tries to answer it with his incantations and idol worship. The so-called civilized people seek to answer it with their culture (?). While they do not know it, this is what the United Nations, now in New York, are trying to find—an answer to the all-important question, "Where is He?"

The history of mankind from the garden to the present day is just a repeated effort to find the answer. Satan promised to give Eve the answer in Eden. They thought that they would find the answer when they built the tower of Babel. Solomon tried many experiments to find wisdom, but ended without the answer, and concluded that all is vanity. Paul discovered the wise men at Athens looking for an answer, but who confessed their failure when they erected an altar "to the unknown God." Revelation tells us how Satan will fool people into believing that he has found the answer for them, and will set himself up as the god for which they have been seeking. But, O, what a failure!

But we have the answer. And to tell it out explains why we were saved. We send missionaries across the waters to tell the heathen the answer to their question. We erect churches and Bible schools for that purpose. Every truly Christian institution is here for the one purpose of answering the question, "Where is He?" If you have some other conception of your calling, then, my friend, you are wrong.

The story of that first Christmas in which our text is found furnishes a pattern of how the question may be answered. These wise men had traveled far to find the answer to their question, and so long as they followed the star their hearts were at rest, and they would have gained their desired end. But the tragedy of the story is that they quit following the star, and went seeking for an answer to the question in Herod's palace. This points the same failure today. In New York City today sits a

gathering of the brainiest, shrewdest minds of the United Nations. Once more the wise men are trying to answer the question by means of treaties and compromise, but are doomed to find that the answer is not there.

Is it not a strange commentary that the very people who knew where He was to be found were not down in Bethlehem of Judea seeking Him? How this does illustrate the attitude of the church today! There are people today who can point you to chapter and verse in the Bible, and discourse learnedly on eschatology, but they themselves are not down there looking for Him.

The terrible blunder of these wise men cost the lives of untold innocents, for Herod ordered that all the children in Bethlehem of two years old and younger should be killed (vs. 16). Only eternity will tell the tale of how many innocents are lost forever because the wise men of this time are seeking in the wrong place for an answer to this question. Because of the modernist's efforts to find the answer in the wrong place, millions of men and women are perishing without God.

But God was gracious to these wise men. They came out of Herod's palace, looked heavenward, "and lo, the star." Yes, God's star was faithful. Despite all their mistakes the star still shone, and was waiting for them to follow it again. It is recorded that when the wise men "saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." They were so happy that once more they were on the right track, and that God was now directing them. And so it is with us. Despite our mistakes the grace of God still waits to shine on our pathway once more, and to lead us to our desired haven.

The very same star that they had seen in the east, "went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was." The star makes no mistakes, and will lead to an unerring answer to the question, "Where is He?" Despite the surroundings of the stable, which depicted anything but a king's palace, the wise men knew that they had found the answer to their question. How did they know? The star led them aright.

When they found Him they worshiped Him. What! Worship such a babe in the filth of a cow shed? Yes, just so. Ye proud, and mighty, and wise, come down until you meet Him in the lowly place that is so humiliating to your wisdom and pride. Meet Him there and worship Him there, and you too will rejoice with exceeding great joy. Observe their treasures they presented unto Him there. Gold, a tribute to His kingly office; frankincense, a tribute to His priestly office; and myrrh, a tribute to His prophetic office—prophet, priest, and king. What discernment because of the leading of the star.

Then after it was all over they departed home again another way. And so will you. After you have met Him in the lowly place, and worshiped Him there, and presented your gifts to Him, you too will return back home another way. The way of the world is forsaken forever, and you will go your way with exceeding great joy. Yours will then be the hallelujah way.

There is a correct answer to the world's heart cry, "Where is He?" It is an answer with no mistakes, or wrong directions. The answer is, "*follow the star.*" And what is the star? It is the unerring Word of God, the Bible. Mister wise man, follow that star, and you will make no mistake. Every question will be correctly answered, and you may then be enabled to lead others in the true and living way.

Famous Missionaries Have Said:

"Let us advance upon our knees."—*Joseph Hardy Neesima*.

"Give until you feel it, and then give until you don't feel it."—*Mary Lyon*.

"The prospects in Burma are as bright as the promises of God."—*Adoniram Judson*.

"Go where He is not, and take Him with you."—*Bishop Selwyn*.

"The spirit of missions is the spirit of the Master."—*David Livingstone*.

"He who loves not, lives not."—*Raymond Lull*.

"Now let me burn out for God."—*Henry Martyn*.

"Had I 10,000 lives, I would willingly offer them up for the sake of one poor negro."—*William Johnson*.

"Let me fail in trying to do something rather than sit still and do nothing."—*Cyrus Hamlin*.

It was my privilege several years ago to address the student body of the Pacific School of Religion. This institution, as is well known, is distinctively modernistic in its tendencies and teachings. Every member of its faculty is a modernist, and fundamentalism is looked upon as unscholarly and behind the times.

The students were studying "isms," and a young lady who was being prepared to go as a missionary to China was assigned the task of writing a paper on "Pentecostalism." She was given the privilege of inviting a representative of the Pentecostal people to come to the school to hear her paper read and make such remarks afterwards as he might desire to make. I was pastor at the time of our First Church in Oakland, and the young lady came to see me to get needed information for her paper. I answered all her questions, gave her a copy of our "Statement of Fundamentals," and several copies of the *Pentecostal Evangel*. It was at the time when Mussolini was at the height of his influence and power, and one of the popular questions many evangelists were preaching on was, "Is Mussolini the Antichrist?" It so happened that one of the *Evangels* had in it a sermon by one of these preachers, and in his sermon he expressed the conviction that the Antichrist was already on the earth, and that Mussolini was the man. He had not yet been manifested as the Antichrist, but in due time he would be so manifested.

I accepted the invitation to be present to hear the paper read, and to address the student body afterwards. I felt that I was being afforded a much-desired opportunity. I was certainly glad I accepted the invitation, for when the time came I discovered that much of the information afforded by the paper was misinformation, and in my address I was privileged to make such corrections as were needed.

In the paper it was stated that the Pentecostal people believe that Christ is coming soon, but that Antichrist *must* come before Christ can come, and that Antichrist *has* already come, and that Mussolini is Antichrist. It was stated, also, that we believe that the tribulation will last a thousand years. These were the outstanding errors in the paper; there were some others of minor significance.

After the paper had been read I was

An Experience in a Modernistic School

by J. NARVER GORTNER

introduced, and I assured the students that I was very glad indeed that I had been privileged to hear the paper, and that I was now privileged to address them, as there were some quite serious errors in the paper that needed correcting. I told them that it is indeed true that we believe Antichrist is coming, but that we do not believe that he *must* be manifested before the rapture of the saints can take place; and that, while there were some among us who had expressed the conviction that Mussolini would prove to be the Antichrist, it was not the belief of the Pentecostal people as a whole; neither was it the belief of a majority of them, and that I was one who had never believed it. "Then, too," I said, "we *most certainly* do not believe that the tribulation is going to last a thousand years." And when I said that, the gray-haired professor looked up, and smiled, and said, "Thank the Lord for that!" I proceeded to explain that evidently the author of the paper had read about the millennium and the tribulation, and that she had somehow got these two periods mixed up in her thinking. "The tribulation," I said, "will last seven years, the last half of which, three and one-half years, will be the *great tribulation*, and the millennium which will follow the tribulation period, and which will be ushered in by the second stage of our Lord's advent, the glorious appearing, will last a thousand years. That is why it is called the millennium."

In the paper it was stated that the Pentecostal people believe in missions, and are great givers. "The First Pentecostal Church in Oakland, for instance, gives several thousand dollars every year to missions." The professor questioned me about this statement, and I assured him it was true. I said, "I am sorry that all our people do not believe in missions as they should, and that all are not *great* givers, as the paper stated, but our people as a whole have a missionary vision, and the church of which it is my privilege to be the pastor gives several thousand dollars every year to the cause of

world evangelization, and we have several missionaries in different parts of the world for whose support we have assumed responsibility." The professor said, "Your church must be a church rich people." I said, "No, our people are not rich, but they love the Lord and they love the people for whom Christ died, and they believe that we ought to be doing our utmost to carry out the instructions of the Master to preach the gospel to every creature. Then, to the most of our people are tithers; they give a tenth of their incomes to God. I assured the professor that a congregation does not have to be rich in order to give the needed funds for the carrying on of the work of the home base, and at the same time a considerable sum each year to missions, if the people are all tithers.

I proceeded to tell about a good sister, a widow, who, at the time we were planning to build the structure that now stands on 31st Street between Grove Street and Telegraph Avenue, came to me, and said, "I am going to give a thousand dollars. All I have at the present time is a quarter of that amount, but God will enable me to give it." And then I said, "She gave the \$250 she had at the time, and before the building was finished she brought in the remaining \$750; and some time afterwards she came to me and said that she wanted to give \$250 more, and she gave it. We were, at the time I related these facts, in the midst of the depression when many people were getting help from the government, and the professor said, "And I'll bet she's on relief now!" I am not accustomed to bet, but I accepted his challenge, and replied, "I'll bet she's not." And then I told him that just a short time previously she had come to me and asked me how much we still owed at the bank, and what interest we were paying, and that I had told her that we owed about three thousand dollars and were paying six per cent interest, and that she had said she had that much money in the Savings Bank; God had been good to her and had given her lots of work, and she had saved that amount, and was only getting two per cent interest on it; we might just as well take the money, and pay off the note at the bank, and give her the two per cent she was getting there; in that way we could save for

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This Is For Keeps

by WESLEY R. STEELBERG
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Glancing over the pages of a magazine that lay on the table, I came across it—a rather inviting advertisement of a bride and groom in a sweet embrace, and over them was the caption, "This is For Keeps." It was a rather unique and a most attractive way which the manufacturers had of drawing attention to a popular brand of silverware.

W. R. Steelberg
I made a mental note, and said to myself, it's too bad that so many of the young folks today who take the vows of marriage do not feel that way about it. They go through the ceremony and apparently at the moment mean what they say; but far too often, in a few months they are seeking to break those bonds and to be released from their sacred vows and responsibilities. Then as I pondered over the thought a few moments, I began to apply it to spiritual things. And very soon I was asking myself a series of questions about the vows, promises, and acts of consecration which I had made to the Lord over the years, and I asked, was it really "for keeps" that I made those vows.

When we gave our hearts to Him, and felt that deep fervent love surging through us like a mighty tide, we felt that nothing could ever come between. But some of us have lived to realize that the pendulum of our feelings can sometimes swing to the other extreme, and we feel that the covenant we made in the glow of His heart-warming presence is already broken in spirit and might as well be broken in fact.

This business of being saved and filled with the Spirit and living in victory is a great deal like the beautiful experience which young folks enjoy in courtship and marriage. In fact, the Scriptures speak of Christ as our Bridegroom and the church as the bride. When we are first saved we enjoy those

wonderful days of "honeymoon." We live up in the clouds. But there is a practical side to this, too, and we soon find that there are adjustments to be made, obligations to be carried out, concessions and allowances which we must make. But any young couple who really mean to make a "go" of it can usually do so.

When my wife and I were first married we agreed that there were certain things we would do. We said we would budget all our income, and thus we would always have the payments ready when the bills came due. We agreed to live within our means. And, since she became a minister's wife, I said that I would help her in the home with household duties, since I would be expecting her to help me with my ministerial duties, such as visitation, assisting me in the conduct of services, and so forth. There were other agreements too that we made, and though our married life has been a very, very happy one, I am sure that there were times that I failed to carry out my part of the agreements, and I am sure that there were moments when I grieved my precious helpmeet; but she had taken me "for keeps," and there was never a thought of such a thing as separation or pulling away from each other. Indeed, if anything, our problems drove us closer to each other, and our ties of love were stronger when the clouds had passed than they were before.

This world in which we live is filled with disappointed people who have lost confidence in their fellow man, who are cynical and have no faith in anyone. They cannot conceive of such a thing as reality in religion and mock at the thought of our sincerity, but in their hearts they cry for someone, something, anything that is genuine. And if you want to leave a testimony with them you will have to prove by your daily life that the vows you made, the consecration you professed, is really "for keeps."

Is the Spirit reminding you of that Scripture, "Thou hast left thy first love"?

Foretold

Friends and loved ones, as you gather
At this time of joy and mirth;
Did you know that Christ was worshiped
Long before His birth?

For before the wise men found Him,
In the years of long ago,
Prophets told us of His coming
As a babe to earth below.

And they told the very city
Where the Saviour would be born:
'Twas in Bethlehem they found Him
On that joyous Christmas morn.

And His names were also given
Seven hundred years before;
"Prince of Peace," "Immanuel,"
And "Wonderful" and "Counsellor."

The prophets could foretell the life
That Jesus Christ would live
In healing broken hearted ones,
The oil of joy to give.

They said where death and darkness
reigned

The Lord would scatter light;
And heal the sick, and raise the dead,
Give to the blind their sight.

They prophesied His lowliness
Upon the colt to ride;
They prophesied some would believe
And others would deride.

But that's not all; they even told
The details of His death—
The very words He uttered
With His very dying breath.

They told of the betrayal price,
The vinegar, the gall;
In vain His search for pity
When forsaken by them all.

The plucking from His cheeks, the
hairs;

The piercing of His side;
The parting of His garments,
While of broken heart He died.

It was the Lord inspired these men,
He knew what He would do;
And asks that we believe these words
Of testimony true.

May we receive and serve this One—
Our gracious, glorious Lord:
And by us may His worthy name
Forever be adored.

—Marie L. Olson.

If He is, won't you run to His waiting arms and tell Him you really love Him? And then whisper sincerely, "This is for keeps."

News from . . .

Here and There

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ALAMO—While Pastor W. A. Frazier had a vacation trip to Oklahoma, Evangelist Dunlap was in charge of the services in Alamo. Brother Frazier held revival meetings in Oklahoma while visiting there.

ALTURAS—"The Lord has been blessing, two definite conversions, three others have been to the altar, and others have been dealt with in their homes," reports Sister Armor. The Sunday school attendance has increased until it is regularly over 50 all the time. A cottage is being built as a parsonage for Pastor and Mrs. George B. Anderson.

AUBURN—Evangelists Lawrence Eck and William Lucas have recently held a meeting for Pastor T. L. Mendenhall. Ten teenagers stepped out for Christ at one night's service, and there were 75 boys and girls who came to the altar of decision in the youth meeting.

BIGGS—Brother Edmond L. Rey is getting the new work in Biggs well under way. There were 50 in Sunday school the first Sunday it was held and 51 were present the second Sunday. A portable tabernacle is being conditioned for service for meetings during the winter. Sister B. H. Givens of Live Oak held a revival campaign there for a week with good results in October.

BLUE LAKE—Brother Milford J. Brewer is the new pastor, succeeding Sister Ida B. Stuart, who is making plans to go to China.

BOYES SPRINGS—Superintendent W. T. Gaston brought the dedication message at the special services dedicating the new church building on October 21 when the North Bay fellowship meeting was held there. Charles Pepper is the pastor.

CERES—The North San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there November 4. Pastor E. L. Stewart reports that the Sunday school attendance reached a new record in October when it rose to 368.

CHOWCHILLA — New Sunday school rooms are being built. The attendance has grown to over 150 each Sunday. Wilber Ogilvie is the pastor.

COLUSA—"Excellent meetings with lasting results" is the report of the revival campaign Evangelist T. B. Don Carlos held for Pastor Floyd Hoole from October 8 to 27. Great interest is still being shown and souls are being saved. Recently two men have called and told the pastor that they wanted to be saved.

COVELO—Evangelist and Mrs. F. T. Alford supplied the pulpit for some weeks while Pastor Verne A. Graham was on vacation. Brother and Sister Alford had just returned from Mississippi, where they held five revivals during the summer, including

one in Bethel Temple in the capital city, Jackson.

DELHI—Brother P. C. Tacker was supply preacher while Pastor A. Harold Persing was on vacation.

DUNSMUIR—Evangelist Don Skaggs began a two weeks campaign November 17. R. E. Cull is pastor.

ELY, NEVADA—Brother C. V. Hummel and Pastor Bernard Tewell, of Elko, have been holding revival meetings in Ely in November. Sister Anna M. Black.

ESCALON—The C.A. rally of the North San Joaquin section was held Monday, November 18, in the Escalon High School auditorium. Attendance was excellent in spite of rain, there being around 500 present. Evangelist Eddie Washington was the speaker. The Lord is blessing the C.A. groups of this section in a real way.—A. Byron League.

FALLON—Pastor S. H. Robertson writes: "God is blessing in the church at Fallon. The Boardman Sisters were with us from October 11 to 27. The revival began on Wednesday before; two were reclaimed, one refilled, and one received the baptism. Two juniors received the baptism during the meetings and some were at the altar for salvation. The pictures and messages were enjoyed by all. Two men were saved the following Sunday night." The Nevada district fellowship meeting was held there October 7.

GRASS VALLEY—Pastor W. A. McBride reports: Evangelist F. J. Betts conducted a revival campaign here during the first two weeks of October. In the first night service three people received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The second night three more were baptized. The total number to receive the baptism was around twenty. Several sought God for salvation, a good number were healed, and a few were reclaimed. In all, the church and Sunday school were strengthened and God was glorified."

GREENVILLE—Pastor J. W. Bowling, of Portola, was the afternoon speaker, and Pastor R. L. Neal, of Westwood, brought the evening message at the Nevada district fellowship meeting held in Greenville on November 4. Many were at the altar at the close of the meetings. The pastor is V. D. Kelly.

GRIDLEY—Evangelist Walter H. Smith will begin a meeting with Pastor Charles L. Elmes on December 1.

HIGHWAY CITY—Evangelist Lee, from Texas, held a very fine meeting with good results for Pastor Ralph Gaither some weeks ago. The pastor reports that around 25 were saved, reclaimed, and filled with the Holy Spirit. During the two weeks meetings very recently closed with Evangelist Tiger, 12 or 14 were at the altar for salvation.

KELSEYVILLE — Evangelist and Mrs.

Mitchell of Sebastopol, formerly of Oklahoma, have recently held a good meeting for Pastor Luther Perkins. He reports that souls were saved, sick bodies healed, and many were refilled. Work on the new building continues. It is being built of tile.

LINCOLN—Evangelist Don Skaggs was the speaker at a pre-convention rally held there October 28. Brother Skaggs recently closed a campaign there. E. W. Knutson is the pastor.

LIVE OAK—Brother H. C. Lafferty, formerly pastor at Rio Dell, has been in a good evangelistic meeting with Pastor B. H. Givens.

LOWER LAKE—The new parsonage was dedicated at the Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting held there on November 18. Ell Beare is pastor.

MARYSVILLE—Sister Jessie Phillips reports: "The foundation has been poured for the new church building. Sunday, October 6, four new members were added to the church and four were baptized in water." J. W. Stovall is the pastor.

MARYSVILLE — The North and South Sacramento Valley sections went together for a Thanksgiving Day fellowship rally. The gathering was held in Memorial Auditorium in Marysville. Brother W. T. Gaston was the principal speaker of the afternoon; Brother R. J. Thurmond was the speaker on the program held during the fellowship banquet in the banquet room of the same building. The evening speaker was Pastor Nelson E. Hinman, of Sacramento. Bob Carrington was in charge of the C.A. vesper service, Mrs. R. J. Thurmond was the speaker at the Women's Missionary Council meeting, and Evangelists Lucas and Eck were the leaders of the junior church, all three meetings being held before the evening service in the main auditorium.

MENLO PARK—Brother G. A. Fletcher has resigned as pastor, the resignation to be effective the first of the year.

MODESTO (Bethel)—The church enjoyed three great services with Evangelist Paul Pipkin November 1, 2, and 3. First Mate Bob and his crew brought the Haven of Rest program in person to Bethel on November 15. Donald G. Weston is the pastor.

NORTH SACRAMENTO — Evangelist Don Skaggs and Evangelist L. W. Suter were the afternoon and evening speakers respectively at the fellowship meeting held there November 11. Brother Suter is in revival meetings there at the present time. In the evening, the glory fell and volumes of praise arose, and in the midst of this a man made his way to the altar for salvation. The altar call was then made for all, and a time of outpouring and blessing lasted until a late hour. The pastor is S. F. Hutchinson.

OAKLAND (Bethel)—It was the universal testimony of all who attended that our sixth annual missionary convention was the most blessed in every respect that Bethel has ever held. The spiritual tone deepened in every service. All of the speakers seemed to be inspired of the Spirit to bring just the message our hearts desired.

Brother Noel Perkin spoke on the opening Sunday and again on Monday evening at a specially called fellowship meeting. As usual, his messages were anointed of God to our hearts.

From Tuesday through Friday there were three services daily. The morning services proved to be especially blessed as Brother Glenn M. Horst brought us teaching on one phase of our fourfold message each morning. These studies were made to apply to the work in the mission fields of the world. The attendance at the services increased every day, until when Friday morning came it was the wish of all that we might continue another week.

Each noon the ladies of the church served a splendid fellowship luncheon which could not be surpassed. This served as an opportunity to relax and to fellowship one with another.

At 1:30 p.m. various missionaries brought stirring and helpful messages. This hour was followed at 3:00 with messages from Sister Bernice Lee. These, of course, were edifying. In the evening at 7:30 pictures of the field were displayed and other missionaries spoke. Then at 8:30 our Brother Glenn Horst brought the closing message each day. We shall never forget the ministry of this man of God.

But the closing Sunday of the convention was indeed the great day of the feast. Morning, afternoon, and evening services were held. Indeed, it was one long continuous service all day. Our hearts were made glad then the annual missionary offering came rolling in. It amounted to approximately \$4,000 in pledges and cash. Considering the high cost of living, and the fact that there were no large war incomes this year, we were caused to rejoice at the size of the offering."

—R. H. Moon, pastor.

Rev. G. Herbert Schmidt, author of "Songs in the Night," and who is not long out of a German internment camp, was at Bethel Tabernacle in meetings from November 10 to 17. His ministry was an inspiration and blessing to all who attended.

OAKLAND (Revival Tabernacle) — The East Bay fellowship meeting was held there on November 4. The afternoon speaker was Evangelist Arthur Arnold. Pastor E. J. Eskelin, of Hayward, was the evening speaker. A very fine crowd was in attendance and the day of fellowship and blessing was enjoyed by the many who were present. Evangelist Dean Duncan held a two weeks meeting with good results from November 4 to 18. The pastor is Cecil J. Lowry.

OAKLAND (Temple Church) — Recent guest speakers at Temple Church have been Robert Carrington, District C.A. president; Adeline Greiger, of India, co-worker with Inez Kreiss, who is now on the field; and G. Herbert Schmidt, recently returned from Germany after months of internment. Winston B. Nelson is the pastor.

OLIVEHURST — During the recent campaign Evangelist Lawrence Eck and William Lucas held there for Pastor C. C. Catledge, they were permitted to carry the gospel to

the 720 boys and girls of the school in an hour's gathering in the assembly hall. The work among children and young people brought many to the special meetings.

OROVILLE — The campaign Evangelist Walter H. Smith held with Pastor W. T. Scott from November 3 to 24 proved to be a fine revival. In October Brother James Hart of Corcoran, held a revival campaign. In the last few months they have received 12 new members into the church. Mrs. Scott has a fine group of young people in her Sunday school class. Besides the young people's meetings on Thursday and Sunday nights, Sister Scott has a fine group of children in her children's church every Sunday night at six.

PETALUMA — Pastor Joseph Harper reports a soul-stirring revival meeting with Evangelist Don Skaggs from September 20 to October 13. Every service, including Saturday night, was unusually well attended. Many strangers came in and the interest was very good, all enjoying the ministry of Brother and Sister Skaggs.

PLACERVILLE — Brother C. C. Catledge, pastor of Faith Tabernacle in Olivehurst, brought the afternoon message, and Evangelist Don Carlos delivered the evangelistic sermon in the evening at the South Sacramento fellowship meeting held there on October 14. G. O. Hall is the pastor.

RED BLUFF — Special speakers who have recently ministered at Bethel Temple include O. A. Dillingham, under missionary appointment to India; Leland Johnson, missionary to the Philippines; Don Skaggs, in a two weeks revival campaign; and Bob Carrington for a week-end youth rally. The ministry of all was blessed of the Lord and well received by the people. Remodeling of the church is expected to be completed by the first of the year." —Everett Morgan, pastor.

RICHMOND — From November 3 to 24 Evangelist Boone Don Carlos held meetings for Pastor Ely Persing. The Spirit of the Lord moved in every service and several were saved and filled. The building of the new church is progressing. When completed it will seat about 1000. The pastor and congregation hope to be using it by the middle of summer.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel) — The "Bible Counsellor" returns to the air. Pastor Hinman began his radio ministry again on November 11 with an 11:00 a.m. program Monday, Wednesday, and Friday over KCRA.

SAN FRANCISCO (Bethel) — Dr. J. L. Kinnaman, noted archaeologist, for many years on the field in Egypt and Palestine, was with Pastor Charles G. Weston for a week of special lectures in early November. The services were held in the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings) — Evangelist Christian Hild held a week of revival meetings the last week of October. He was in San Francisco as speaker at the Youth for Christ meetings for two Saturday nights. L. R. Keys is pastor.

SUNNYVALE — The attendance was extra good and several were baptized in the Spirit during the meetings Evangelist Walter Smith

held there from October 6 to 27. A prayer revival is being held, with prayer meeting each night except Monday and Saturday in the church. It is planned, the Lord willing, to enlarge and remodel the church as soon as possible. C. O. Wood is the pastor.

SUSANVILLE — Work on the Susanville church has reached the finishing stage, some finishing work now being under way. The pastor is George W. Kiser.

TRACY — Pastor L. A. Lawrence writes: "We closed a meeting with Brother Bobby Clark on November 10, and to climax the two weeks services with him we had 177 in Sunday school, the most that this church has ever had. We are happy to report a very good meeting with Brother Clark, who is from La Monte, near Bakersfield, and can heartily recommend him as a good preacher of the Word, one who quotes more Scripture than any one I have heard in a long time."

TULELAKE — The Shasta district fellowship meeting was held there on October 14. Glenn H. Ayers is the pastor.

TURLOCK — Brother A. B. Cox, formerly pastor in Dayton, Ohio, was at the Turlock church in November. The pastor is Allen J. Brown.

UKIAH — Evangelist Arthur Otteson closed a good two-weeks meeting with Pastor J. R. Edgar on October 20.

WATSONVILLE (Pajaro) — The Coast Counties fellowship meeting in October was held with Pastor Chas. J. Coffey on the 28th.

WILLOWS — The speakers at the North Sacramento fellowship meeting held there October 28 were James Baker, soon leaving for China as a missionary; Wm. Kern, pastor in Paradise; and Evangelist Don Carlos. Albert Rowley is the pastor.

WOODLAND — Brother Harold Pearson recently supplied for the Sunday services for Pastor Harold Byram.

WOODLEAF — Brother and Sister Martin Engebretsen have opened a Sunday school in this sawmill town, which is situated about 28 miles from Oroville, in the mountains. They are holding what gospel services they can and getting in goodly number of children in Sunday school, one class alone having as many as 31 in it, as they work toward the establishment of a permanent gospel work in that community.

YREKA — Pastor Wm. C. Jones reports: "A good meeting was conducted here from September 22 to October 13 with Brother and Sister Roy Johnson, from Michigan, as evangelists. In addition to those seeking salvation the meeting was of great benefit to the local church. More outsiders were contacted in this meeting than any other held here. Brother Johnson is an able minister of the Word and a tireless worker in endeavoring to reach those on the outside. Our meeting with Brother and Sister Lionel Suter in July gave our Sunday school much encouragement, and the results of his labor are still being manifested in our school."

YUBA CITY — Evangelist Don Carlos recently held a short meeting for a few days, for Pastor Fred Reichert. Two were at the altar the first night of the meetings.



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Scattered Thoughts for Christmas

by THE SUPERINTENDENT

From every point of the compass through myriads of voices from every walk of life, we are soon to hear again the old but ever new story of redeeming love and grace.—“that God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Though the Christmas celebration is colored with Teutonic legends and the gaudy accumulations of centuries, the essential, blessed truth is still there. Jesus our Saviour was born—of a virgin. And since the “good tidings of great joy” was addressed “to all people,” the celebration is timely and timeless.

Whether or not we are sympathetic with certain commercial aspects of the season, there is little likelihood that the habits of the people can ever be altered. And perhaps if we could see the whole picture, we would not desire to change them. Some years ago in one of our great cities a business man entered a great store. He was rich, shrewd, hard as nails, and lived in a palace that seemed to his enemies like a spider’s nest built in a morning glory. The store was crowded with people who had delayed their Christmas shopping until the last hour. Christmas colors were in the windows, the Christmas spirit in the air. The spirit of expectancy and happiness was contagious. Everybody seemed to be buying something for everyone else. In that hour something began to melt the ice in the cold man. It was like the melting of the frost on a winter-bound river when the ice is honey-combed with sunbeams. A strange restlessness took hold of him as he drove toward his mansion on the avenue. On the way he passed a home for little children. He thought of the babies that were orphaned, and, what was worse, those deserted by their parents. And be-

fore he slept he went back to leave enough money in that institution to find a home for each of the children. It was the atmosphere of Christmas that got him.

My friends, if we are not stirred and tendered by the charm and cumulative force of the advent gospel that we shall be exposed to during the holy season, it will be because we are far advanced in that dread and generally fatal malady which might be diagnosed as pernicious hardening of the heart.

The Thracian emblem of God was a sun with three beams, one shining upon a sea of ice and thawing it, another upon a rock and melting it, and a third upon a dead man and putting life into him. May the love of God that found expression in the incarnation, the supreme revelation of The Eternal, banish all coldness and hardness and deadness from our hearts and from our worship.

No one in the full possession of his faculties would discourage benevolent giving at any season, yet I think this would be a good time to insist that we cannot buy real Christmas in the stores. The great affirmation of Christmas is that God sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world. And while gifts and acts of kindness may contribute to the joys of Christmas, the gift of eternal life and the superlative joys of living will come only to those who receive with empty hands and contrite hearts God’s supreme gift to believing men.

An artist once drew a picture of a wintry twilight, the trees heavily laden with snow, and a dreary, dark house, lonely and desolate in the midst of the storm. It was a sad picture indeed. Then with a quick stroke of yellow crayon, he put a light in one window. The effect was magical; the entire scene was transformed into a vision of comfort

and cheer. The birth of Christ was just such a light in a dark world.

But, alas, many are blind and to them light is meaningless. “The light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not.” John 1:5. How tragic the darkness of Israel in the days of her visitation. The ministry of John, himself a bright and shining light, was followed by the “true light,” our blessed Lord Jesus. Yet their blind leaders continued to lead blind followers on into the ditch of national disaster. And today after nearly two thousand years of the glorious gospel of Christ, untold millions still grope in pagan darkness. This is no fault of the gospel. “If our gospel be hid” (or dark) it is because “the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (2 Cor. 4:4).

Christmas candles and vari-colored lights flashing their tiny beams against the darkness should remind us that the world picture is still dark though many have been “brought out of darkness into His marvelous light.” My Christmas message to all who are able to appreciate this figure of speech is this, let us pledge anew to “walk as children of light” and “shine as lights in the world.”

Thinking of Bethlehem and the manger, we are reminded that God keeps His promises. He had promised in Genesis 3:15, that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent’s head, in Genesis 12:3, that one of Abraham’s seed should bless the world; and in Isaiah 7:14, that this promised seed should be born of a virgin. Then, in Micah 5:2, He promised that this Saviour should be born in Bethlehem. God kept His Christmas promises in due time (Gal. 4:4).

PLEASE NOTE

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Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

Dec. 2—El Cerrito, Lovelock, Rio Dell, Ripon
9—San Francisco (Sunset), Yreka
12—Los Banos, Monterey (Hilltop), Santa Rosa
Jan. 1—Chico
6—Eureka, Reno

Election of District Presbyters

Nominations for District Presbyters shall be made by each section at a special meeting of the resident ministers of the section who shall be members of the Northern California and Nevada District Council, and the delegates regularly elected by the affiliated assemblies of the section. Nomination shall be by secret ballot. Voting shall continue until one nominee shall receive a two-thirds majority vote within the first four ballots, or the two highest names shall then be submitted to the District Council for election. These nominations from the various sections shall be forwarded to the District Superintendent not later than one month prior to the convening of the District Council when these nominations shall be submitted to the Council in session for their ratification.—Page 11, Section 2, Paragraph 2, 1946 District Minute Book.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May you have the best of the holiday season's joys and blessings.

W. T. Gaston
R. J. Thurmond
Marjorie Maddocks

New Book

Brother Clarence H. Jenson, of Minnesota, one of our former camp meeting speakers, has recently published a new book called *The Rejuvenated Christian* and desires that we call attention to the fact that it can be obtained through the Glad Tidings Book Room, 1441 Ellis Street, San Francisco 15, California. The price is \$1.00, plus tax. We are sure his many friends will want to get this new book and will enjoy its contents.

Please note above the change in the address of R. J. Thurmond. The telephone number remains the same.

Literature for Free Distribution

Word has been received from the Gospel Publishing House that they have new stock of left-over Sunday School literature, *Pentecostal Evangelists*, *Gospel Gleaners*, *C.A. Heralds*, etc. Personal workers desiring this material may write to the Sunday School Department asking for just the amount they can profitably distribute.

Midwinter Convention . . .

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Sermons in Song

Our National Assemblies of God radio program can be heard in our district on Sundays as follows:

KMJ Fresno, 580 kc. 9:45 a.m.
KTRB Modesto, 860 kc. 7:45 a.m.
KWBR Oakland, 1310 kc. 8:15 a.m.
KXOM Sacramento, 1490 kc. 5:00 p.m.

Tune in and enjoy it; then pitch in and support it.

W.M.C.

Home News

Here is a testimony which I trust will be an inspiration and blessing and perhaps give some group a new vision of the possibilities of Women's Missionary Council work. We will be glad to print your testimony.

Mrs. Katherine Marsh, president of the Placerville group, writes: "Having been a crippled shut-in for seven years, unable to attend services or do any active church work, I was missing so much of interest and blessing. Then it occurred to my pastor's good wife, Sister Peterson, to organize a Women's Missionary Council in my home, appointing me the president and my nurse, Mrs. Lela Dean, the secretary and treasurer. Since I could not go to church, the church came to me. Hallelujah! It is such a joy to feel that I am really able to do active work again."

"If only one or two of the church ladies are able to come to the meeting, we have God's number and His presence and blessing according to Matt. 18:20. We are interested in making quilts for the missionaries. Mrs. Lewis, a lady who lives with me and who has had many years of quilting experience, cuts and arranges the pieces for the rest of us to sew. We hope soon to have several quilts ready to send where they are most needed."

For Whom the Bell Tolls

Through doors of small town and rural churches last year passed 14% more adults than through the richer doors of big-city houses of worship. Only 16% of U.S. grown-ups never opened the doors. In 1944 45% went to church at least once a week. Last year only 42% claimed that record. The South reported 77% of its residents in the once-a-month category; North, 63%; West, 44%; Midwest, 62%.

Only 7% of Negroes never attend church services. Whites reported 17%. Catholics listed weekly attendance 69%, Protestants 36%, Jews 9%.

Why Christ Came

by MYER PEARLMAN

Gazing upon that virgin-born Child we are reminded of that divine act known as the incarnation—the doctrine that tells us about the Son of God, who became like us in order that we might become like God, who left heaven for earth in order that some day we might leave earth for heaven, who for a while shared our human nature in order that we might share divine nature, who at Calvary wore our garments of sin for a brief moment (2 Cor. 5:21) in order that we might wear His garments of righteousness forever, who became poor that we might become rich.

The main purpose of His incarnation was stated in the words of the angel, "And thou shall call His name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. Commenting on the words, "And a man shall be . . . as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land (Isa. 32:2)," Dr. George Adams Smith wrote, "In the East the following phenomenon is often observed. When the desert touches a river-valley or oasis, the sand is in a continual state of drift

from the wind, and it is this drift which is the real cause of the barrenness of such portions of the desert, at least as touch upon the fertile land. For under the rain, or by infiltration of the river, plants often spring up through the sand, and there is promise of considerable fertility. It never lasts. Down comes the periodic drift, and life is stunted or choked out. But let down a rock on the sand, and see the difference its presence makes. After a few showers, to the leeward of this rock some blades will spring up; if you have patience you will in time see a garden. How has this boulder produced this? Simply by arresting the drift."

Christ came into the world to resist the longest, heaviest drift in human history—the drift of sin. He overcame it in His life and sent into the world a power—the power of the Spirit—to hold it in check. And we are safe from the perilous drift as we seek shelter under the shadow of the Rock. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour."

AT THE C. A. CONVENTION—

The G.T.B.I. Choir in action at the Great Fresno Youth Meeting.



At the banquet for the members of the student bodies of the Bible Schools of both Districts—Glad Tidings Bible Institute and Southern California Bible College.





Christ's Ambassadors

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--And Now It's History

But a lot of you who weren't privileged to attend the glorious joint convention just held at Fresno will appreciate this little report of those three days.

The North and South met together November 8 in a wonderfully impressive service with the platform decorated in full center with the theme of the convention, a huge Speed the Light emblem, a glowing winged torch whose burning light blazed the message "Speed the Light." A further sign to enhance the thought was a fifty-foot banner flanked with wheat, and bearing the words "The Harvest is Ripe."

Saturday morning a challenging message brought by Warren Hill, vice-president of Southern District, thrilled the hearts of all.

As was announced, promptly at 2:30 in the afternoon the parade started. Never before have we been quite so proud of our ambassadors as that afternoon. C.A.'s were everywhere—one thousand marching and the side lines filled with onlookers. Three floats with a challenging message added to the enthusiasm of the parade. Glad Tidings, our own school, depicted a soul at the foot of the cross being led to the Saviour. Southern California Bible School depicted a missionary leading dark natives to the Lord, while an unusual float made by the Sacramento C.A.'s, and which took weeks to build, had a miniature Bethel Temple and a miniature Capitol Building with the impressive words "The Capital City for Christ," capping the scene. A Bible between the two buildings bore the words "The Bible, Youth's Guide."

Banners and signs carried by the marching youth bore evidence of the fact that young people today still believe in God.

The Fresno High Band led the parade which brought up in the rear by our own Ambassador Band a hundred and ten

strong. An open air mass meeting, climaxed with a fine message brought by Paul Pipkin, Northern California vice-president, was a fine end to the wonderful afternoon.

Teen-agers night with a packed-out auditorium of four thousand people was unusually different. Seven-year-old prodigy Dale Holmes was at the piano composing his own composition from three notes called at random from the audience. Ray Ton was there and little Willie, his wooden-headed puppet. A quiz program with a walking mike and prizes of C.A. supplies was thrilling, with Elvis Davis of Dinuba as Dr. Bible Quiz.

All day Sunday was glorious. The Southern California Bible College started it off with their fine numbers climaxed by Louis Hauff and heart-warming, heart-stirring message.

It is hard to know which meeting was the best, but many expressed the thought the Sunday afternoon Speed the Light service was the most thrilling. The Glad Tidings students' choir, with Gaylord Atwell directing thrilled everyone. Then a most unusual interpretation of the Speed the Light Drama with Charles Smith as author was presented. He depicted the old method of Speeding the Light with a tired, worn missionary trekking through jungle and swamp. Next was a missionary on a bicycle. Next in progression, a motor scooter went across the stage, then a roaring

motor cycle, and finally a jeep traveling under its own power, and last the sound of an airplane. Throughout the presentation we heard reports from overseas of missionaries from our District telling what they could do if only they could take the gospel faster to those who need it so badly.

Robert Fierro really delivered his soul with a missionary challenge after which a jeep came down the aisle stopping at the front. And that great packed auditorium of people came to the front to pile on the jeep the greatest cash missionary offering we have ever received. Three thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars! What a marvelous sight! And all for Speed the Light equipment.

The crowd didn't leave on Sunday night either. That night we heard boys tell of their battle front miracles. The audience were moved as they saluted the flag and stood in a half minute of silence in memoriam of the boys who had died that we might have this wonderful convention.

Brother Steelberg, whom we have reserved telling you of until now, stirred youth as he presented the Word of Life each morning. The theme of the convention was well realized—to tell you of just one story by a young man who came to us with this story after the convention was all over.

"After that marvelous message by Brother Steelberg Saturday night," he said, "I just had to go to the prayer room. God was trying to speak to me. He

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District

C. A. Business Meeting

JANUARY 31, 1947

at 2:30 p.m.

GLAD TIDINGS TEMPLE
San Francisco

BIG RALLY
7:30 p.m.

Missions

Alaska

Brother Felix A. Concepcion, one of our Filipino brethren, has been going to Alaska each year during the salmon canning season and has been carrying the gospel with him, holding services in many places where gospel services had never before been held. Reporting some of his experiences, he writes:

"Since 1934, whenever I am in Alaska to work in the salmon cannery, the Lord has always opened the way for me to hold gospel services if there is no church. When I have stayed in a town where there is a church, the Lord has given the opportunity to preach for the other denominations.

"In 1936 when I was in Squaw Harbor I asked the judge for use of the school house for gospel meetings. He looked at me from head to foot for a moment and asked me what I am preaching. I answered him that I preach Christ the crucified One, Who is no respecter of persons, Who can forgive sin and can give eternal life to those who believe in Him. So he said that I could have the school house and told me that he would advertise the services. Next morning I found that every corner of the cannery had received an invitation to the American dining room. He thought that I am only a cannery worker, as he had not heard of a Filipino preacher. I invited him to the service and he came. Before I started the service, I intro-

duced him to the congregation. He said that he came to hear the preacher and introduced me to the congregation, saying that I was protected by the law as long as I remained in that town, and that if anyone should bother the services, he would be arrested.

"I started a work in Taku Harbor, which is about 21 miles from Juneau, the capital of Alaska, in 1945. At first I suffered hot persecution. Some of the boys, threatening to kill me, put an envelope in my room with a .22 caliber bullet in it, and said that if I will not stop preaching that the bullet would take me from behind the pulpit. I knew that was the bluff of the devil, because I had had other experiences many times since I have been saved. Sometimes in the street services someone has come up to me while I was testifying and has taken hold of my shoulder and shook me up; but the more he shakes me up, the more I preach. Afterward they left me alone saying, 'We can do nothing with him, he won't stop.' An old lady in the congregation said that there had been no gospel in that village since 1902. . . The open Bible that we drew on a big rock about ten feet from the sidewalk can be seen about a half mile away. The superintendent of the cannery told some tourists that that Bible is the pride of Taku Harbor. He told me to repaint it and varnish it over so that it would not be spoiled by the snow. . . The first Bible study I had, there were 42 in attendance. And almost the whole cannery crew attended the service at night."

Hawaii

The first few months after they returned to Hawaii Brother and Sister Ralph Procter taught school while they developed plans for resuming their mis-

sionary work. Now this period of part-time gospel work is over and they are giving all their time to the Lord's service in Hakalau, Sister Procter (possibly better remembered by many as Bernice Strickland) writes:

"God has given us a little house. It is in bad condition, but with free rent for one year providing we do repair work, and this my husband is working at at present. . . We have had Sunday school two Sundays. The first Sunday there were 34 in attendance, and the second Sunday we had 42. We are also having Sunday night services, and this week we have had special evangelistic services. Attendance has averaged 50 to 60 most nights, and two nights there were 75 and 85. So we feel God is working. There has been a good response to the altar services, but not as much real Holy Ghost conviction as we feel is needed. We are praying for a real breaking through . . .

"We feel God has opened the door here and are looking to Him to provide for us financially. Ralph helps with the music and has a nice Sunday school class of boys. It will take lots of time and money to put our house in cozy condition as only the rats lived here for six years . . . but we feel that God has given it to us, for people are being put into the street because of lack of homes . . ."

Peru

Brother and Sister Herbert Felton (Olga Pitt) continue their work in the Bible school at Lima. Brother Felton's letter says:

"Last week I had the pleasure of speaking at the dedication of one of our newest churches. It is located higher than any so far dedicated to the Lord in Peru. It is 14,000 feet above sea level, about the height of Pikes Peak, Colorado. . . We could travel all the way up by train. That sounds easy, but after reaching 7,000 feet, the altitude began to tell on the natural man. On our arrival, we found an excellent work had been established by the Bible School students. The whole program was planned by the native brethren themselves. A mining engineer became converted not long ago, and since he is the head man he gave the believers most of the material for building the beautiful church building which they were dedi-

Taku Harbor Church group in Alaska.

Sunday School at Taku Harbor, Alaska.

cating. There were about 130 present for the last service we were there. Twenty were baptized in water, each giving a good testimony of salvation. The baptismal service took place in an icy cold rivulet. There were icicles six inches thick nearby at midday. . . . This whole mining community has been moved by God. Coming back on the train we had unsaved men tell us about the work of God there. During our visit the second engineer, who had been an atheist, told us that during the last month he had begun to read the Bible. . . .

"One of our graduates is returning to work with us after four years with the Nazarenes. He will be working with Sister Daniels. He was converted in our Rimas church and is an excellent worker.

"Another graduate reports that in the last six or eight weeks he has preached and done personal work in 45 towns and villages. These are all places where no established work is started as yet. His appeal to me was to send someone there. Our appeal to you is to pray that God will thrust forth laborers into the whitened harvest fields.

"Still another graduate told us yesterday how he had been accidentally shot while traveling in gospel work in the mountains. A hunter had mistaken him for wild game. The shot went in the chin and went to the side of the throat. It is still there. He did not prosecute the hunter, much to the latter's surprise. As a result, he has visited the man in his home and has won the whole family to Christ. . . ."

Venezuela

From Caracas, Venezuela, comes recent word from Brother and Sister Lowell E. Dowdy.

"For many years the doors to missionary enterprise in Venezuela were tightly shut, but today it was learned that these doors are now completely open, and entry permits are not needed from any point except Europe. It seems that now would be the time to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity to proclaim the gospel to this needy land. . . .

"This year the first Daily Vacation Bible School of the Caracas Assembly was held. One girl of 14 years, though unable to read, memorized the second highest number of Scriptures of all the girls who attended. It is evident that God did a real work in the heart of many of the children.

"Recently, during special tarrying services in the church, 24 were filled with the precious Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Of course, this has brought persecution and opposition from the enemy, but we know that in all these things God is victor.

"Not long ago, a sister who had been interested in the gospel for some time, surrendered to the lowly Nazarene. She wasn't long in bringing her two children to a similar joy. Although the Catholic routine of the home was disturbed somewhat, the husband was tolerant until he discovered that the images, the pictures, and the holy candles were not in their places. Her very life was threatened as was that of the missionary. For more than a month now they have been unable to attend the services, but even though they are deprived of this privilege and joy, they are remaining true to Jesus. Today she sent her missionary offering for next Sunday—the equivalent of 16 cents.

"Speaking of missionary offerings, the local assembly has a real missionary vision, but they are so poor in this world's goods. Sometimes the missionary offering taken once a month amounts to \$12. Just this week we received a call for a worker in a city of 70,000 people, but because of lack of funds, for the time being we will not be able to meet this need. A native worker, on their most simple diet of black beans and arrepas (boiled ground corncakes toasted over hot coals), cannot exist on less than \$70 a month.

"Our church has formed a daily prayer chain from 4:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the brethren in Maracay spend every Saturday night in prayer for the many needs of the work and for the advancement of His kingdom. We invite you to join us."

South China

No doubt many in the District will remember the meetings Sister Lula Bell Hough held in various churches while she was on the Coast waiting to get passage on a ship that would take her back to her work in Hong Kong. Her work is in Kowloon, on the mainland across from the island on which is the city of Hong Kong. In a recent letter, written since the season of extreme heat is over, she writes:

"Last week I gave out clothing from the nine drums of clothing sent to me from First Church. I had purposely

waited until I could get them all sorted and had had a chance to investigate and find out who were badly needing clothing, etc. Then when all was ready I gave the things out. You should see how happy the people were to get them. One little girl of about five years of age was so happy when I fitted her up in a little coat with hat to match; her eyes just danced with joy. It was worth the trouble and time of bringing the nine drums out for just that one little girl. And, of course, the many others were made just as happy.

"Sunday we had 120 out to Sunday school, and around 100 were out to church. This has been our biggest attendance since I came back. [Much time had to be taken, many weeks, to recondition the building, which the Japs had used for a hay barn after taking out all the inner partitions, the second floor, blocking up some windows and doors, and cutting in other holes for their convenience.—Ed.] We had to use every available stool and chair in the house to seat them all. It was so encouraging to see the good crowd even though some cause for it may have been the result of giving out clothes the previous week.

"Sunday afternoon we went to visit in the village where we hid from the Japs that first night of the war. The people came rushing out, and everyone tried to talk at once. They seemed so happy to see me again. Several said, 'We thought the Japs had killed you.' They asked what had happened to me, wanting to know all about our experiences. We had a nice visit with them all. The old couple who took us in their home (to hide) that night have both died. I had hoped to be able to give them a little something for their kindnesses, but they are gone.

"There have been a couple of very bad riots in Kowloon during the past few days. The rioters seem to be a lot of peddlers who have migrated here from Shanghai and other parts of China. They have a definite anti-foreign attitude, and have been pelting the police force and soldiers with stones. The rioting seems to have started over an Indian policeman's killing a peanut peddler who was violating the law and who became unruly. I think the thing will die down soon, but it makes it a bit unsafe for us foreigners to go about very much, especially in certain districts."

G. T. B. I.

"Sky Pilots Flying for Christ"

Glad Tidings Bible Institute officially began *Flying for Christ* on November 18, with the christening of their first plane, "Glad Tidings Flying Missionaries No. 1."

Glad Tidings Flying Missionaries Club was organized to train Bible students and ministers in aviation, that the gospel might reach "to the uttermost parts of the earth" in the shortest possible time.

The dedication and christening of the new Aeronca "Champion" plane at the Hayward Municipal Airport marked a new era in the history of Glad Tidings Bible Institute. Mrs. Annabel Keys was sponsor of the plane, and very capably christened it by breaking a bouquet of red roses over the propeller. Her Matron of Honor was Mrs. Helen C. Boyd. Brother Orville C. Smith, Registrar of G.T.B.I., led in prayer, dedicating the plane to the work of the Lord. Brother J. Narver Gortner, President of G.T.B.I., Brother L. R. Keys, Vice-President, and Brother Frank M. Boyd, Dean, spoke briefly, and each mentioned that this new venture was surely in the will of God. At the close of the dedication service, Mrs. Keys and Mrs. Boyd were given a flight in the new plane. Miss Doris Abbott, who helped with decorations for the service, was also given a flight. All who were present were enthusiastic about the new venture.

Members of the Flying Missionaries Club will be students of Glad Tidings Bible Institute and ministers of the gospel. The present officers are Harold Headrick, Director; Robert Ferguson, President; John Wright, Jr., Vice President; Joan Wright, Secretary; and Ione Isaak, Treasurer. The cost of learning to

Members of the Flying Missionaries Club, standing before their plane. Harold Headrick, right of the microphone, did the spade work in developing the club.



fly has been reduced to a minimum for members of the club, the full course to receive private license costing approximately \$240.00, as compared with the cost of \$450.00 offered by most flying schools.

Write to Glad Tidings Flying Missionaries, 1441 Ellis Street, San Francisco for further information about membership in the club.—Harold Headrick.

It's History

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called me to the mission field and in particular to Africa."

Thank God for that kind of consecration, for our youth realized the challenge—*"The Harvest is Ripe, Speed the Light."*—Bob Carrington.

The First Christmas Eve

There will never be another Christmas Eve like that first one. The service of worship with which it was celebrated will never be reproduced.

The sanctuary was not a structure of brick or stone, but a building of God, not made with hands. No costly temple or famed cathedral, no church or chapel, heard the notes of that first Christmas service. It was held at night on a hillside under the star-lit dome of a Syrian sky. Never did a service of worship have a more beautiful setting, a more wonderful environment. Quite naturally did the glory of God shine 'round about it.

The congregation was small, smaller

than usual. It represented neither pomp nor pride, neither power nor wealth nor wisdom. Only a few humble folk were present. They were shepherds abiding in the field. Why were "good tidings" not heralded first in Herod's court? Why not in the hall of the Sandhedrin? Why not in the market place where men bought and sold, or in a bazaar where men bartered? Why not in the school of some Gamaliel? Why were shepherds the first to hear the good news?

The choir was no ordinary group of vocalists. Voices trained in heaven and keyed to the music of the skies led the singing. The song they sang was no ordinary anthem. Never can "Gloria in Excelsis" be sung as it was sung on that first Christmas Eve. Never was music carried higher.

The preacher was not a messenger ordained of men, but an angel ordained of God and wearing the livery of heaven. Nor was it a mean honour even for an angel to be permitted to deliver the message at that first Christmas service.—*The United Presbyterian*.



Brother Boyd looks on approvingly while Brother Keys and Brother Gortner greet in handshake at the dedication and christening of Glad Tidings Flying Missionaries No. 1, just behind them.

Personal Mention

Brother ERIC M. JOHNSON has been called to be the pastor of the Carbondale Assembly in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His address is 4841 So. 31st W. Ave., Tulsa 7.

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Brother H. T. LANGLEY recently held a revival campaign for Pastor W. Earl Davis in Paso Robles, California.

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Evangelist WM. F. KIRKPATRICK has recently returned to his home in Modesto after having been in revival meetings in St. Louis, Missouri, Granite City, Alton, East St. Louis, and Chicago, Illinois. A meeting in Belleville, Illinois, was a blessed one with old-time power in conversion, healings, and souls seeking and being filled with the Holy Spirit.

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Brother VERNON L. KLEMIN, beginning October 27, held a revival meeting with Pastor ARTHUR HYLAND in Springfield, Oregon. Seven were at the altar for salvation in one service.

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KAY LEHTO and IDA SUNDQUIST began a revival campaign in Bridgeport, Connecticut early in November.

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STANLEY P. McPHERSON, after meetings in Sioux City, Iowa, and ten days of meetings in Kansas City for Pastor A. A. Wilson, went to Atlantic City, New Jersey, for revival meetings.

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Modernistic School

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per cent interest. "And so," I said, "we did. She brought me the three thousand dollars, and we paid off the debt at the bank, and gave her a note for that amount of money, and are now paying her two per cent interest, and are making monthly payments on the principal, and shall soon have the note paid off, and the church will be free from debt."

And then I assured him that we have discovered that the Word of God is true, that "there is that scattereth, and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty," and that Jesus gave utterance to a great truth when He said, "Give and it shall be given you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over." I said that I was convinced that many people are poor for the simple

reason that they fail to give God His share, and that many with very small incomes are made to prosper because they are good givers, and that nine-tenths with God's blessing will go a lot farther than ten-tenths without it. And I think I quoted the lines,

"There was a man; some called him mad:
The more he gave away, the more he had."

The discussion was very interesting. At least I enjoyed it, and the professor and the students appeared to enjoy it, too. A number appeared to be intensely interested. One young man followed me as I went out of the room, and he said, "I believe everything you said, but there is such a spirit of unbelief here that if one expresses a conviction that the Bible is indeed the Word of God, and that what is written in it is true, he is likely to be looked upon as old fogey, or as utterly uninformed and behind the times. I used to attend the Nazarene Church, and a good many of the people who went there had the real thing, and I know that there is such a thing as real salvation, but there is not very much that is real around here unless indeed the fog of doubt and unbelief is real. I still believe the Bible, and I am so glad I heard you today. It helped me a lot."

The experience I had in that modernistic institution of learning is one of the outstanding experiences of my ministry, but up until now no written record was made of it. Now that I have written this account of it I feel better.

Let us never be ashamed of our testimony. I told the professor and those students that I had been a Methodist minister for years before receiving the baptism in the Spirit, but that, having received the baptism with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, I had become allied with the Pentecostal saints, and that I believed intensely that the baptism in the Holy Ghost is evidenced by speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance. The professor wanted to know upon what grounds I had become convinced, and suggested that maybe I had just had an emotional fit. It was my privilege, then, to point out what we read in the Book of Acts, and to tell the professor and the entire student body that, not only had I received this baptism, as the disciples received it at the beginning, but that I had seen many others so receive it, and that

Current Signs

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The B36 is 163 feet long, 47 feet high, with wing span of 230 feet. Its maximum speed is 300 miles per hour. Its wing tanks hold 21,000 gallons of gasoline and 1,200 gallons of oil, or more than the average motorist uses in 20 years. It can carry 10,000 pounds of bombs a distance of 10,000 miles. At reduced range, it can carry 72,000 pounds—more than three times as many as the B29 carries a comparable distance. It is powered by 28-cylinder, pusher-type engines which develop 18,000 horsepower — equal to the combined horsepower of 200 passenger automobiles.

The pressurized cabin permits an altitude of 40,000 feet. The bomb bay is large enough to hold the contents of four freight cars. An 85-foot magnesium tunnel connects the forward cabin and the after crew compartments, with transportation provided by four-wheeled scooters. The plane carries a crew of 12, plus a four-man relief crew.

Don't oversleep if you want your dreams to come true.

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We cannot all play the same instrument, but we can all be in the same key.

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If you insist on using a hammer, build something.

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Even folks on the level have their ups and downs.

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A will of your own will help you to succeed better than the will of a rich relative.

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The church may seem cold if you sit in the z-row.

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When Faith goes to market she carries a basket.

it is *indeed real*, and an abiding experience.

Who knows but that, as a result of that testimony, there were some there in whose hearts was created a hunger for God, a hunger that God will someday, somehow, somewhere satisfy.

Anyhow, some people were given a better understanding of Pentecostal teaching than they had had before.

Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Truth?

A study of 2,000 smokers and non-smokers, conducted by the Life Extension examiners of the great insurance companies, resulted in these findings. Smokers complained of cough 300% more often than nonsmokers; throat and nose irritation, 167%; heart palpitation, 50%; pain over heart, 73%; shortness of breath, 140%; heartburn, 100%; stomach gas, 62%; and nervousness, 76%. Yet the tobacco companies are allowed to advertise in responsible publications and over the radio that you will suffer "no irritation of throat or nose, no nicotine poisoning—if you smoke Lucky Camelfields." —King's Business.

The Storm Center of the World

"Thus said the Lord God: This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her."

"Palestine has become one of the world's hot spots, geographically, economically, and politically. That country, the most accessible in all the world, the gateway between the three great continents of Europe, Asia, and Africa, is known as 'The Bridge between the Nations,' and 'The Strategic Pivot of the World.' Adjacent to it are the rich oil fields for which Russia is driving. The land itself has been recently found to have fabulous wealth. Palestine has often been, and in far greater measure is yet to be, the battleground for opposing armies to meet in bloody conflict. When all the nations come under one government, the logical place for its capital is Jerusalem." —J. Jacobsen.

(Christian Victory).

Running To and Fro

On my recent return trip from the East, I was scheduled to leave Florida in the morning and to be back in Sacramento that evening. I was to have breakfast in St. Petersburg, Florida, with my brother, Clarence Lebeck, in the morning; to have lunch in El Paso, Texas, with my sister, Christel (Lebeck) Woodall; and to have supper with my wife, who was meeting me in Los Angeles.

And then there was still to have been time to be in Sacramento that evening, even though I had to make four transfers and travel on three different airlines that day. However, due to the hurricane in Florida, I had to change my original schedule. But this does reveal that we are surely living in the time of which the Bible speaks in Daniel 12, that in the end time "many shall run to and fro." Such is surely the case when one can cover such great distances in such a short time.

Youth for Christ

Youth for Christ, which has had such a phenomenal growth, has sent a gospel team to Holland to spend two months preaching the gospel of Christ to Dutch young people. This Holland team is the first of five Youth for Christ teams which will girdle the globe within the coming months in response to invitations from all parts of the world.

Great Britain Is Sticking Its Neck Out?

On October 4, the President proposed a three-point emergency solution of the Palestine problem, in which he called for "immediate and substantial Jewish immigration to the Holy Land." Prime Minister Attlee spurned the plan immediately and informed the President that his government considered the suggestion from the President as "unwanted, ill-timed, and unfortunate."

Great Britain has reneged on its promise to the Jews as given in the famous Balfour declaration, to help the Jews to establish a homeland in Palestine. Fearing the newly formed "Arab League" (a league of seven Arab nations in the Near and Middle East), Great Britain is tossing Jewish interests to the pursuing, hungry wolves.

God gave a land grant of Palestine to Abraham and his descendants (Gen. 17:2,8,19) and that grant was to be given Abraham's descendants through Isaac, not Ishmael. The Arabs come through Ishmael, the Jews through Isaac.

Because of Israel's unbelief and Christ-rejection, God allows the Gentile

nations to frustrate the plans and evaporate the hopes of Israel; they will not attain their age-old ambition of getting established in Palestine as a powerful nation until after the Lord delivers them from the bondage of their unbelief at His second advent. But God judges the nations that make things hard for the Jews. We fear Great Britain is making a serious mistake in thwarting Israel's desires to go back to Palestine; she is sticking her neck out for a national chastisement from the Almighty.

—(Christian Victory).

Unbelievable?

In America, last year, we wasted 3,339,854 tons of food products; grains, sugars, syrups, and fruits, in the making of alcoholic beverages sold during that year alone. Between Pearl Harbor and January 1, 1946, this waste totaled 337,000,000 bushels of grain, according to the American Business Men's Research Foundation. Incidentally, the misuse of these grains diverted \$26,200,000,000 from the retail market for necessities and harmless luxuries during that period of time.

Plane Carrying 180 Passengers

On my recent trip East, flying over 25 states, I stopped at Los Angeles and saw the new 180-passenger Lockheed Constitution transport. The plane was first revealed to the public on August 22 when it was rolled from its closely guarded hangar where it was assembled. The Lockheed Constitution, which was built for the navy under wartime secrecy weighs 92 tons, has a speed of 300 miles per hour, and has a range in excess of 5,000 miles. It is capable of carrying a pay load of 68,000 pounds. Its three passenger or cargo cabins on the separate decks, connected by spiral staircases fore and aft, are designed for quick conversion to an evacuating hospital. There are 13 emergency exits, in addition to seven doors.

Curtain Lifts on Newest Giant Bombing Plane

The Army Air Forces lifted the curtain on November 7 on its new super bomber, the giant B36, which it is said can "carry an atomic bomb to any inhabited region in the world and return home without refueling." The big plane, now in production at the Convair Company's Fort Worth, Texas, plant will replace the B29 Super Fortress as the army's top bomber.

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